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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS - SEPTEMBER 13, 1974

1. SUMMARY: TWO ITEMS ON BOARD AGENDA WHICH ELICITED MOST DISCUSSION WERE PNES AND SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINA; BOTH WERE RESOLVED TO GENERAL SATISFACTION OF EVERYONE (EXCEPT, PROBABLY, THE ARGENTINES) AFTER DEFERRAL TO END OF BOARD'S AFTERNOON SESSION. BOARD ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEFINITIONS REQUIRED OF AGENCY PURSUANT TO LONDON OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION, AND DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR PROJECT FOR PREPARATION BY AGENCY OF CODES AND GUIDES FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR SAFETY, WITHOUT THE SUBSTANTIAL DISPUTE WHICH SURROUNDED THESE ISSUES IN JUNE, BASED ON REVISIONS TO RESPECTIVE DOCUMENTS BY EXPERT GROUPS WHICH MET IN JULY. FAVORABLE BOARD ACTION ON REMAINDER OF AGENDA, INCLUDING SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR PURSUANT TO NPT AND TLAPELOLCO WAS RELATIVELY ROUTINE. END SUMMARY.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: LIST OF ITEMS CONTAINED GOV/1690 ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS EXCEPT FOR DELETION OF ITEM 6 - REACTOR PROJECTS, WHICH HAD NO BUSINESS UNDER IT. FYI: PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPPINES, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE PRESENTED (IAEA VIENNA 6937), WAS WITHDRAWN BY

SECRETARIAT PENDING CLARIFICATION OF SOME UNRESOLVED ISSUES BETWEEN GOP AND AGENCY NUCLEAR SAFETY SECTION; FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL AT LATER DATE. END FYI.

3. AGENDA ITEM 1 - PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS: REPORT OF BOARD CONSIDERATION ON PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR AGENCY TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH PNE PROJECTS, AND DRAFT US RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT, REPORTED SEPTEL, AS IS TEXT OF FINAL VERSION OF OPERATIVE PARAS (BY AIRGRAM) PNE RES. ITEM WAS DEFERRED UNTIL AFTERNOON SESSION, AND LAST BOARD ACTION OF DAY WAS APPROVAL OF PROCEDURES AND OF DRAFT RES, BOTH WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS IN WORDING TO SATISFY CONCERNS RAISED IN DISCUSSION.

4. AGENDA ITEM 2 - OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION: REPORT OF BOARD DISCUSSION ON DRAFT AGENCY PROVISIONAL DEFINITIONS OF HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE UNSUITABLE FOR DUMPING AT SEA, AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO LICENSING OF DISPOSAL OF OTHER RADIOACTIVE WASTES, SEPTEL. DOCUMENT WAS APPROVED BY BOARD FOR TRANSMISSION TO UK, AS DEPOSITARY FOR LONDON CONVENTION.

5. AGENDA ITEM 3 - NUCLEAR SAFETY STANDARDS: BOARD CONSIDERED REVISED DRAFT DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT FOR PREPARATION BY AGENCY OF CODES OF PRACTICE AND SAFETY GUIDES FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS (IAEA VIENNA A-324), PREPARED BY EXPERT GROUP CONVENED BY DG IN JULY TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WHICH EMERGED ON THIS SUBJECT AT JUNE BOARD MEETING (IAEA VIENNA 5965). FIFTEEN MEMBERS TOOK FLOOR TO STATE IN VARIOUS WAYS THAT THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH REVISED DOCUMENT, ALTHOUGH SOME WENT ON TO OFFER CERTAIN COMMENTS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACTIVITY. USSR SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO WERE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR POWER WITHIN NEXT DECADE WOULD FIND THIS AGENCY WORK ESPECIALLY USEFUL. SWEDEN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP PROPOSED IN PAPER SHOULD BE GIVEN AMPLE TIME TO CONSULT WITH CAPITALS AT ITS FIRST MEETING BEFORE WORK PROGRAM FOR AGENCY IS DECIDED, ALTHOUGH THIS NEED NOT PREVENT SECRETARIAT FROM BEGINNING PRELIMINARY WORK ON SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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AREAS WHERE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WAS ALREADY FAIRLY CLEAR; WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN FIELD SHOULD BE CAREFULLY COORDINATED WITH THIS PROJECT, AND SUCH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AGENCY PROGRAM (E.G., ISO TC 85), ESPECIALLY WHEN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND QUALITY CONTROL. US MADE STATEMENT AS AUTHORIZED REFTEL. AUSTRALIA (ENDORSED THEREAFTER BY SOME LDCS) CONSIDERED THAT DOCUMENT

AS WRITTEN LAID TOO MUCH STRESS ON ROLE OF SUPPLIERS OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT, AND THAT AGENCY GROUPS, INCLUDING SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP, SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF STATES WHICH WERE NORMALLY CUSTOMERS FOR THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES. PROGRAM SHOULD AIM AT PREPARATION OF MATERIALS WHICH TAKE ACCOUNT OF BOTH WHAT IS FEASIBLE TO SUPPLIERS, AND IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO CUSTOMERS, IF AGENCY STANDARDS WERE TO GAIN BROADEST POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE. ARGENTINE HOPED THAT DOCUMENTS PREPARED WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE WERE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES, EQUALLY VALID, TO MANY SAFETY QUESTIONS, AND WOULD GIVE DETAILS OF AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES. SWITZERLAND NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO POWER REACTORS, RAPID DEVELOPMENTS OF OTHER NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES (E.G., REPROCESSING OR FUEL FABRICATION PLANTS) MADE IT DESIRABLE FOR AGENCY TO CONSIDER MATTER OF SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ALL TYPES OF FACILITIES INVOLVED IN ENTIRE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE. FURTHER, PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED FOCUSED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THERMAL REACTORS, AND SWITZERLAND HOPED THAT OTHER REACTOR TYPES (E.G., HTR'S) WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE. SEVERAL STATES, INCLUDING SWEDEN,

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AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, SOUTH AFRICA, SUGGESTED THAT PROPOSED 3-MONTH PERIOD ALLOWED IN PAPER FOR COMMENTS BY MEMBER STATES ON DRAFT SAFETY STANDARDS WAS TOO SHORT, BUT EXCEPT FOR SWEDISH SUGGESTION THAT DG BE PERMITTED TO EXTEND THIS TO FOUR MONTHS ON RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP, NONE SUGGESTED

MORE DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE. BOARD THEN APPROVED DRAFT PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN 1975-80 PROGRAM OF WORK (WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 16-23) AS NEW ANNEX VII TO DOCUMENT GC (XVIII)/526. SUBSEQUENT TO BOARD ACTION, DG INFORMED BOARD THAT SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP WOULD HOLD FIRST MEETING OCTOBER 21-25; SECRETARIAT HAD INVITED ABOUT A DOZEN MEMBERS TO NOMINATE EXPERTS AND WOULD REVIEW THIS LIST TO INSURE, IF NECESSARY BY INCLUSION OF 1 OR 2 MORE EXPERTS, SUFFICIENT REPRESENTATION OF CUSTOMER, AS WELL AS SUPPLIER, STATES. OTHER INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WOULD SEND OBSERVERS, INCLUDING ISO, OECD/NEA, WHO AND COMECON. FINALLY, DG STATED THAT SECRETARIAT HAD INFORMED UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM OF PROPOSED PROGRAM AND SOLICITED ITS SUPPORT. DG QUOTED PORTIONS OF UNEP LETTER IN REPLY DECLINING TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SUGGESTING THAT SINCE AGENCY ALSO HAD A PROMOTIONAL ROLE IN FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, SAFETY STANDARDS PREPARED BY AGENCY MIGHT NOT GARNER NECESSARY WIDE SUPPORT AND PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE, AND THAT SUCH STANDARDS SHOULD THEREFORE BE REVIEWED BY PANELS OF EXPERTS CONVENED BY UNEP. DG THEN QUOTED FROM HIS RESPONSE REGRETTING UNEP DECISION NOT TO SUPPORT

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ACTIVITY, AND FIRMLY REJECTING SUGGESTION THAT SAFETY STANDARDS PREPARED BY AGENCY, WHICH WAS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAVING REQUIRED COMPETENCE IN FIELD, AND APPROVED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS ON BOARD, WOULD IN ANY WAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL REVIEW FROM UNEP TO FURTHER THEIR ACCEPTABILITY, CITING AGENCY STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO HAVE AND APPLY SUCH STANDARDS TO ITS OWN PROJECTS AND TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON THESE MATTERS TO ITS MEMBER STATES. AT REQUEST OF CANADA, DG STATED HE WOULD PROVIDE COPIES OF THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO GOVERNORS AFTER INFORMING UNEP OF REQUEST AND ASKING PERMISSION TO DO SO WITH ITS LETTER. FRG TOOK FLOOR TO SPECIFICALLY ENDORSE DG VIEW AS QUOTED FROM HIS REPLY TO UNEP. COPIES OF THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TRANSMITTED IO/SCT UNDER GALANTO-TREVETHICK LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 13.

6. AGENDA ITEM 4(A) - SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS: BOARD APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO NPT AND TLA TELLOCO TREATY WITH HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR, MARKING FIRST OCCASION WHERE STANDARD TEXT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN GOV/INF/276 WAS USED AND BOARD DOCUMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS CITED ONLY DIFFERENCES FROM STANDARD TEXT, OR CHOICE OF STANDARD ALTERNATIVES WHEN STANDARD TEXT PROVIDES FOR SUCH ALTERNATIVES. DISCUSSION (DEFERRED UNTIL LATE IN AFTERNOON SESSION) OF ARGENTINE UNILATERAL SUBMISSION, PURSUANT INFCIRC/66/REV.2, OF AGREEMENT FOR RIO TERCERO POWER REACTOR REPORTED SEPTEL; BOARD DECIDED TO ASK DG TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARGENTINA WITH VIEW TO COMPLETING AGREEMENT INCORPORATING DURATION/TERMINATION PROVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONCEPTS APPROVED BY BOARD IN FEBRUARY (GOV/1621),

DECIDED TO HOLD ITSELF READY TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING UPON COMPLETION OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS TO CONSIDER SUCH AGREEMENT, AND REQUESTED ARGENTINE GOVERNOR TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT SUCH AGREEMENT TO BE COMPLETED ALONG THESE LINES.

6. AGENDA ITEM 4(B) - SAFEGUARDS INSPECTORS: BOARD APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION AUTHORIZATION TO DG TO USE HOUGH AND BETTLE (BOTH US) AS SAFEGUARDS INSPECTORS.

7. AGENDA ITEM 5 - MONACO LABORATORY: AUSTRALIA BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AGENCY AND MONACO RELATING TO MONACO LAB TO EXTEND ITS DURATION THROUGH 1981 AND EXPAND LAB TERMS OF REFERENCE, BY CALLING ON BOARD TO KEEP UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDER REVIEW RELEVANCE OF THIS LAB TO THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE AGENCY. JAPAN WELCOMED SUPPORT FROM UNESCO AND UNEP WHICH PERMITTED EXPANSION OF LAB WORK TO DEAL WITH USE OF NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES FOR STUDY OF NON-RADIOACTIVE POLLUTANTS, AND EXPECTED THAT ANY SUCH WORK WOULD CONTINUE TO BE FINANCED FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY SOURCES. USSR CALLED RESULTS OF LABORATORY WORK "POSITIVE" TO DATE, AND VOICED FULL SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL. COMMENT: THIS IS INTERESTING, IN THAT IT MARKED FIRST PUBLIC DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS NEGATIVE USSR POSITION THAT AGENCY SHOULD NOT BE OPERATING LABORATORIES. END COMMENT. ARGENTINA WAS PLEASED WITH PROSPECT OF EXTENSION, SO LONG AS IT UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ACTIVITY WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO AGENCY FOR PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. US MADE STATEMENT AUTHORIZED REFTEL. FRANCE NOTED THAT CEA HAD ALWAYS TRIED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF LAB, AND WAS PLEASED TO HEAR EXPRESSION OF USSR SUPPORT FOR THIS PROGRAM. AFTER BRIEF STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FROM FRG AND UK, BOARD AUTHORIZED DG TO CONCLUDE AMENDED AND EXTENDED AGREEMENT BY CONSENSUS.

8. AGENDA ITEM 7 - AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL STAFF REGULATIONS: BOARD APPROVED AMENDMENT TO STAFF REGULATION 5.03 TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CASES OF DUPLICATION OF DEPENDENCE ALLOWANCES, WITHOUT DISCUSSION AND BY CONSENSUS.

9. AGENDA ITEM 8 - TRANSFERS OF FUNDS BETWEEN SECTIONS OF THE REGULAR BUDGET FOR 1974: BOARD AUTHORIZED DG, AS USUAL EVERY YEAR, TO MAKE MINOR TRANSFERS NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 IN ANY SINGLE SECTION, BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS SECTIONS OF REGULAR BUDGET FOR 1974, WITHOUT DISCUSSION AND BY CONSENSUS.

10. AGENDA ITEM 9 - ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: BOARD AGREED TO MEET AT CALL OF CHAIRMAN, IN CONSULTATION WITH SECRETARIAT, ON SEPTEMBER 23 OR 24, DEPENDING ON DATE OF ADJOURNMENT OF 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. TAPE

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